

**REMARKS**

By way of response, Applicants have canceled claims 45-47 without prejudice. No new matter is presented. Claims 21, 23-27, 29-33, 35-39, 41-44, 48-50, 56-60 and 66-71 are pending. Applicants submit that the pending claims are supported by the specification.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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